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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS: DEC 4-6

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1. U.S. COVERAGE IN WEEKEND CENTRAL PRESS IS MODERATE,
ON BALANCE SLIGHTLY UPBEAT

--CENTRAL PRESS DEC 5 CARRIES TASS WASHINGTON ITEMS ON

CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING VANCE AND LANCE APPOINTMENTS.
PRAVDA AND KZ ARTICLES PICK UP VANCE'S COMMENT ON
IMPORTANCE OF SALT. DEC 4 LATE NEWS ON TV CARRIED FILM
CLIP FROM PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDED VANCE'S SALT
COMMENT.

--PRAVDA DEC 5 ARTICLE BY YE. RUSAKOV ON ILLS OF U.S.
ECONOMY PULLS IN NEGATIVE COMMENT BY CARTER "ECONOMIC
ADVISORS," J. YASINOVSKI (PHONETIC) AND PRESS SECRETARY
JODY POWELL.

--THIS IS MATCHED BY FOLLOW-UP COVERAGE IN DEC 4 AND 5
PRAVDA AND DEC 3 IZVESTIYA ON SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT
TO MOSCOW AND BREZHNEV'S COMMENTS ON SOVIET-U.S. TRADE.
DEC 5 PRAVDA ARTICLE CITES PRESIDENT OF U.S.-SOVIET
TRADE-ECONOMIC COUNCIL, SCOTT, ON HOPE THAT PERSPECTIVES
FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE RELATIONS WILL IMPROVE WITH CARTER
ACCESSION TO OFFICE IN JANUARY. CHASE MANHATTAN
BANK V.P. WENTWORTH AND PEPSI COLA PRESIDENT KENDALL ALSO
EXPRESS OPTIMISM IN THIS REGARD. SIMON HIMSELF IS CITED
IN POST-VISIT REMARKS IN DEC 4 PRAVDA AND DEC 3 IZVESTIYA.
"I FULLY AGREE WITH L.I. BREZHNEV," SIMON IS QUOTED AS
SAYING. "THAT AMERICAN FIRMS ARE BEARING SIGNIFICANT
LOSSES DUE TO DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATION ON TRADE WITH
USSR."

--DEC 3 IZVESTIYA QUOTES REMARKS BY DENDALL, WEARING HIS HAT
AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE-ECONOMIC COUNCIL,
TO IZVESTIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
A. KRIVOPALOV, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
PERSONALITY AND ROLE OF L.I. BREZHNEV IN
U.S.-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS.

--DEC 5 KZ HAS LONG ARTICLE BY V. BEREZIN ON THE HIGH
COST OF U.S. ELECTIONS AND THE RESULTANT "MISREPRESENTA-
TION" OF THE U.S. ELECTORATE (E.G., U.S. WORKING CLASS,
75 PERCENT OF POPULATION, IS REPRESENTED IN CONGRESS BY ONLY
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3 PEOPLE WITH TRADE UNION BACKGROUND AND BY ONLY ONE
FORMER WORKER).

-- DEC 6 PRAVDA HAS NOTE ON "HOPE" EXPRESSED BY SENATOR
PROXMIRE THAT CARTER WILL STOP B-1 PROGRAM.
DEC 4 PRAVDA AND KZ HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE, "DAN-
GEROUS COURSE," ON RUMSFIELD DECISION TO MOVE TOWARD
SERIAL PRODUCTION OF B-1. CARTER "REPRESENTATIVE" RE-
PORTEDLY DECLARED THAT CARTER HIMSELF HAD NOT YET MADE
ANY DECISION REGARDING THE B-1. DEC 4 KZ CARRIES TASS NOTE
ON PENTAGON'S CONTINUED EFFORT TO DEVELOP CRUISE MISSILES
DESPITE RECENT FAILURE IN LAUNCHING THEM FROM B-52S.

--DEC 4 KZ AND DEC 3 IZVESTIYA CARRY SHORT ARTICLE ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S REPORTED OPPOSITION TO ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF EXPANDING U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO SOVIET PROPOSAL ON LIMITATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN REGIONS.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--PRAVDA DEC 5 CARRIES REPORT OF POLITBURO SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVAL OF WP PCC MEETING IN BUCHAREST, SINGLING OUT NON-FIRST USE PROPOSAL AS "IMPORT-ANDT," IGNORING CALL FOR WP-NATO MEMBERSHIP LIMITATION, AND STRESSING "CARDINAL IMPORTANCE" OF FONMIN COMMITTEE AND JOINT SECRETARIAT. CSCE GETS SHORT SHRIFT, IN CONTRAST TO PCC DECLARATION ITSELF.

-- PRAVDA DEC 4 ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF MOLDAVIAN FIRST SECRETARY I.I. BODYUL IN ROMANIA AND HIS MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU.

--PRAVDA DEC 6 ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF MINDEL USTINOV IN SOFIA FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH BULGARIANS, AND KZ DEC 4 REPORTS THAT WP MINDEFS WILL MEET IN SAME CITY IN FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER.

--PASSAGE OF ENMOD RESOLUTION BY UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE GETS TREATED BY PRAVDA DEC 5 AS VICTORY FOR "SOVIET INITIATIVE".

--PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" DEC 4 AND "INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK" DEC 5 COMMENT ON HAGUE EC SUMMIT DISCUSSION AS PROOF OF CONTINUING INABILITY OF NINE TO OVERCOME CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH IS WORSE THAN THAT OF 1973. CANADA GETS SIMILAR TREATMENT IN PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" DEC 5 FOR ITS DOLLAR CRISIS, WITH U.S. TAKING MAJOR BLAME FOR STATE OF CANADIAN ECONOMY.

-- DEC 6 PRAVDA CARRIES BIO OF RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI ON EVE OF HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. DEC 4 IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY V. SHPAKOV DESCRIBES HISTORY OF RECENT SOVIET-LIBYAN RELATIONS, CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT VISIT WILL "DEEPEN AND STRENGTHEN BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES.

-- DEC 5 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY VASILII YUGOV DESCRIBES ISRAELI PM RABIN'S CSCE TYPE MEPC PROPOSAL AS "TRANSPARENT CAMOUFLAGE" DESIGNED TO COVER ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF DRAGGING OUT M.E. CRISIS.

-- DEC 5 KZ DESCRIBES PREPARATIONS IN BEIRUT FOR

TRANSFER OF HEAVY WEAPONS FROM LEFTISTS AND RIGHTISTS TO ARAB SECURITY FORCE.

-- DEC 4 PRAVDA AND KZ NOTE PLO LEADER ARAFAT'S CABLE TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD ON KHADDAM ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

-- DEC 5 PRAVDA DESCRIBES DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS OF SOVIET SHIP, "KUNDA" WHICH, AS BEHEST OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, HAS BEEN SAILING AROUND EUROPE PICKING UP FOOD AND MEDICINE FOR PEOPLE OF LEBANON.

--AFRICA COVERAGE IS LIGHT. DEC 4 PRAVDA AND KZ DESCRIBE TALKS IN PRETORIA BETWEEN ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND S.A. STATE SECRETARY OF FINANCE J. BROWN.

-- KZ DEC 4 AND IZVESTIYA DEC 3 DESCRIBES CURRINT OF RR LINE IN N.W. RHODESIAN, NEAR VILLAGE OF MATETSI (PHONETIC), BY ZIMBABWE PATRIOTS.

-- L.A. COVERATE CONTINUES TO BE DOMINATED BY REPORTS FROM HAVANA ON OCCASION OF FIRST SESSION OF NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ASSEMBLY. ROMANOV SPEECH TO ASSEMBLY IN DEC 5 PRAVDA AND DEC 4 IZVESTIYA APPEARS UNDISTINGUISHED (BREZHNEV IS MENTIONED THREE TIMES) AS DOES CASTRO'S IN DEC 4 CENTRAL PRESS. DEC 5 CENTRAL PRESS MENTIONS ROMANOV'S PASSING CORDIAL GREETINGS FROM BREZHNEV TO CASTRO, AND DEC 4 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TEXT OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP CABLE TO CASTRO. ACCORDING TO DEC 4 IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA, POLITBURO MEMBER PEL'SHE WAS TROTTED OUT FOR RECEPTION IN CUBAN EMBASSY.

-- IZVESTIYA DEC 3 REPORTS ON A MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATOIAN DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER PONOMAREV, THE LAOTIAN AND VIETNAMESE AMBASSADORS, AND THE CAMBODIAN CHARGE, IDENTIFIED AS I. SENARAKS (PHONETIC).

--IZVESTIYA DEC 3 AND PRAVDA DEC 4 CARRY A TASS PEKING ITEM REPORTING THE CONCLUSION OF THE NPC STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THE APPOINTMENTS OF TENG YING-CHAO AS NPC VICE CHAIRMAN AND HUANG HUA AS FOREIGN MINISTER. THE ITEM SAYS THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA WAS REMOVED FROM THE LATTER POST AND WAS CRITICIZED FOR HIS TIES TO THE "GROUP OF FOUR".

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